

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

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Gordon Road 4543/19

REPORT

Date May 16, 1934.

Subject (in full). Action taken by Public Safety Bureau Police in accident between motor car and handcart on Connaught Road west of the Bus Company.

Made by D.S.I. Rhind. Forwarded by *Dease Singh*

Sir,

At 10.30 a.m. on May 16, 1934, one Kuang San Di (黄三弟) telephoned to the Gordon Road Station reporting that motor car Settlement License No. 3899 of which he is the chauffeur, was in collision with a handcart on the Connaught Road nearby the premises of the Bus Company.

F.S.K. Klock went to the scene immediately, but the chauffeur Kuang Sai Di and the other parties involved were not to be found there when he arrived. He learned that the chauffeur and the coolie in charge of the handcart had been taken away by uniform policemen of the Public Safety Bureau. He found the motor car and the handcart standing parallel to the south footpath on Connaught Road about 100 yards west of the Bus Company. The rear side front wheel of the former vehicle was buckled and the two front mudguards were badly dented while the handcart bore no sign of damage. No persons were injured in the collision, and there were no police witnesses, either P.S.B. or S.M.P. What seemed to have happened judging by the statements of witnesses was that the handcart loaded with timber extending far in front of the vehicle was proceeding west on Connaught Road when it swerved slightly towards the middle of the road so as to avoid a private ricksha that was standing alongside the south kerb and came into collision with the motor car which, coming from the opposite direction, was going towards the south footpath preparatory to pulling up.

The Officer i/c of the Gordon Road Station being out on a tour of inspection in the district, D.S.I. Rhind and C.D.C. 217 attended later in response to a telephone call from F.S.Klock, and S.I. Pridmore was sent shortly afterwards. A

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P.S.B. Policeman at the scene referred the detectives to the Kong Ka Jau Sub-Station to which the chauffeur and the coolie in charge of the handcart had been taken. On a visit to this station, it was found that the personnel there were not prepared to release either the chauffeur or the coolie, and that it was <sup>their</sup> intention to transfer the case to the 6th Division Station for necessary action. With the object of expediting the release of the two parties, and realising that there was no other alternative, D.S.I. Rhind conveyed them to the 6th Division Station in charge of P.S.B. Policeman. At the 6th Division Station it was claimed that Colonel Tso, the Officer in charge, was absent in Nantao, and that both the chauffeur and coolie would have to remain in custody until such time as he returned, and gave the matter his attention. D.S.I. Rhind requested an interview with the deputy, but this was denied on the ground that he had no power to enter into a discussion about the matter. With that the detectives left and on their way back to the Station met Inspector Holt on Connaught Road being conveyed to the scene of the accident by the station motor cycle. It was then ascertained that the owner of the motor car was one Mr. Wong Hong Shing (王洪生) residing at 3/284 Gordon Road. This person was called immediately and he went with Inspector Holt and D.S.I. Rhind to the 6th Division Station. The attitude adopted by the personnel was the same as before, all of them asserting that Colonel Tso had not yet returned and that his deputy was not in position to discuss the matter. After a wait of about 25 minutes, Inspector Holt in ~~conjunction~~ with a request made by him was allowed to communicate with Mr. Wong Hong Shing and in consequence of this the latter gave full ~~confession~~ to the damage to property the chauffeur and coolie had

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coolie providing that the owner of the meter car wished that no action should be taken and gave a written understanding to that effect. To ~~those~~ conditions the owner of the meter car willingly acceded and the chauffeur and the coolie were allowed to be taken away by Inspector Holt. However, about ten yards from the station the coolie was recalled for the purpose of "further enquiries" and was not actually released until 2 p.m. <sup>2 (a)</sup>

This coolie is named Myi You Tsang (妙有常) and he is employed with the Yuen Bah Lumboy Cey, Jessfield Road.

A complete report of the accident was ultimately recorded at the Gericke Road Station.

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